Penny Token Left by Will Brings Great and Unexpected Mineral Riches.

RIDGE.

Blair, as a reminder of his remarkable lence. powers of memory, I leave the munifi- In later years he never forgot a seen fit to imitate my peculiarities in barren twenty-acre lot. In going private, so may he copy my diligence, over it he stumbled, his watch chain beginning life on one cent capital, caught on a bush, and the penny start, and making his own way in the a great open crack in the ground.

the slow, measured tones of Lawyer He saw a man digging on an adjoin-Jones like one in a dream. The read- ing farm, went over to him and barer of the last will and testament of gained for a careful excavation in Jepthah Blair, stern, practical man as quest of the lost memento. he was, cast a mournful and sympa. It took some delicacy of treatment thetic look at the young man. He to manipulate the dry, crumbling dirt. liked Blair immensely, as did every At a depth of four feet, the bottom one else in the town, unless it was Hugh Telford, seated also in the duced. apartment. He smiled viciously and triumphantly. He was safe ashore workman as he scraped off his spade while Ronald was floundering in dark waters. The "Blair Plat" was to be vein!" given to Telford, together with stocks and bonds valued at \$10,000. vaguely.

"I suppose you feel like cursing Uncle Jepthah." insinuated this preclous young schemer and spendthrift. Ronald was pale; disappointment and chagrin showed in his frank, sneering relative.

"No," he replied steadily. "If I was of the cursing sort you might erite vein had been tapped. come in for your share, for-I under-

He left the lawyer's office as he spoke and a shade of anger and fear crossed the features of Telford. Ronald had to admit that he had expected a substantial legacy. He had every reason to anticipate it. It was cruel, after all his hopes and plans, and his heart sank like lead as he thought of Ruth Mason, his flance.

Where should he go for comfort save to her? It was his privilege, his



"That's the Real Stuff!"

the Mason home.

"Two years ago when Hugh and I plishment. were at college there was a charac- Swimming is a splendid sport; it I was the culprit."

suggested Ruth

"That is true, and uncle took me back into his good graces. He even called upon Hugh in my presence to he died suddenly, intestate. Now I am convinced Hugh preserved it." "But the law," began Ruth.

"I shall not appeal to it. Let Hugh go his selfish, cowardly way. As stores were placed in the cave by ong as I have you what does the rest Nelson when he was watching the matter? We can wait a little while longer, can't we, dear?"

ity in its beautiful depths.

nim. Most fellows would have cast away to Martinique, whence he reit away with an anathema. Ronald turned to European waters, where he knew his old uncle meant to do him was at last brought to bay. The justice. It was a rare old Scotch Italian military authorities are investicoin. He had the jeweler make a hole gating the find, in it and suspended it from his watch

The Blair Plat left to his cousin was a valuable property. Just before the death of Mr. Blair a deposit of a rare and valuable clay used in stereotyping and for electrical purposes had been discovered. It was known as pzocerite, found elsewhere only in Austria and Utah. If things turned out as they promised. Hugh would some day become a wealthy man.

Adjoining the plat was a twentyacre patch of sterile land which had been left to Ronald by his mother. It was of so little value that he made no attempt to have it cultivated, but secured a position as an accountant In a near city.

There reached him the first week the disquieting intelligence that Hugh was hanging around the Mason home a good deal. Then he received a letter from Ruth. It read: "Be patient candy and placed nearly a whole stick for a year. I am going away and you on the table Sister Marjorie took up must not write to me." There was the sweet and began to eat it. no further word, and Ronald felt that This made the baby cry lustily. everything he valued was fading

a street melee the bullets severely in my story book."

but one striking the penny glinted off and left him unscathed. Then the penny was observed by a loyal old Scotchma; Tading to a friendship and a lay amount of business.

It was just a year later when Ron-

ald paid a visit to his home town. He learned that the wonderful ozocerite vein had run out. Hugh had pretty nearly dissipated all his ready By MILDRED CAROLINE GOOD money. He boasted, however, that he was engaged to Ruth and Ronald be-"And to my second nephew, Ronald lieved this after her inexplicable st-

cent sum of one penny. As he has sad and moody ramble ending at the which is more than I had at the snapped loose and disappeared down Ronald had no thought of losing a The legatee in question listened to token which he sincerely treasured

of the crack, the penny was pro-

"Hello!" suddenly exclaimed the -"say, if this should be the real

"The

"The vein of ozocerite. Look herethat's the real stuff," and he took up a handful of the scrapings from the It was "the real stuff." that was

sensative face. It hardened as he proven within the ensuing two days. fixed his clear accusing eyes upon his All the town was on fire over the rare good luck the old penny had brought to Ronald, for the real ozoc-Ronald was standing on the land

that promised so much in the yellow dusk of the fading day a few evenings later, when a familiar figure came up over the rise in the landscape.

His heart stood still as she proached. Then a bitter thought came into his mind-Ruth had heard of his good fortune.

"The year is over," she said brightly as she approached him. "Did they never tell you? It was Hugh Telford who laid his fortune at my leet, and my foclish father encouraged his suit. Finally it was agreed that I should and when weed seeds have been de- the influence which they exert upon take a year to decide, away from both of you. As if a year or a thousand could make me forget-you!"

And she lifted the old penny from the hand of her lover, the lucky penny cf old Jepthah Blair, and

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# TEACHING CHILDREN TO SWIM

Valuable Course Has Been Added to the Public Schools of the City of Pittsburgh.

A course in swimming has been added to the required studies in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Watson L. Savage is quoted as saying that he will see to it that every child in the city is taught to swim. This is a step in public education that deserves the hearty approval of every parent and every seeker of the public welfare.

"To ride, to shoot and to speak the truth," was the ancient Persian ideal of education. Needless to say this was for boys only; girls in this day fare right, and half an hour later he was made. They are taught to exercise bodily. Now, in doing this it is alseated by her side on the porch of as well as to develop their brains most impossible to avoid removing nowadays. Alike boys and girls ought | a part of the upper surface of the gar-"It must be between you and me; to learn to swim, and the public den. It may be only an inch or two. all that I have to tell you, dear." he should provide means of teaching that but that inch is just the best of the said to the pitying angel at his side. most valuable and pleasurable accom- ground. This is the height of folly.

ter play. In it was a miserly old develops muscles rarely used in other of their soil when they have to quit fellow, in dress and actions so fully sports and its usefulness is beyond a counterpart of Uncle Jepthah that question. Yet comparatively few permany recognized it. This came to sons learn to swim. There are sailors proved with years of labor and care his ears, and that will was made. In who have spent many years on the reality Hugh had made the suggestion water but are unable to keep affoat of the character to a chum, and rath- when suddenly cast into the element er gloated over 'showing up the old with which they ought to be thoroughskinflint,' as he called his uncle ly acquainted. Drownings are far too Then when the matter got public he numerous; knowledge of how to swim became frightened and told uncle that would greatly lessen their number. May the time soon come when every "But you told me that later every- child who passes through the public of an eyesore and nuisance to the thing was explained to Mr. Blair," schools will have learned how to swim.

#### Nelson's War Stores Found.

An interesting find is reported from verify his statement that he had de- Rome. Some fishermen declare that a stroved the will made in anger. Then shepherd has found near Cape Testa, the extreme northerly point of Sarthis will appears. By some trickery diana, a large cave, containing an enormeus quantity of powder and other war stores.

It is thought probable that the French fleet at Toulon in the operations which ended in the battle of Ruth lifted her sweet, bonny face Trafalgar. Nelson used Sardinia as to his, ineffable tenderness and fidel- his base of supplies, and it was while he was refitting there that Villeneuve Ronald preserved the penny left to escaped from Toulon and got clear

#### Had Two Points of Beauty.

Tasmania's pretty girls of European lineage have never been tempted to follow the fashion of the native Tasmanian women, who had all their hair removed with a flint and went bald. woman died in 1876, aged seventy-six; the last man in 1876, aged thirty-four. A traveler says that the native had two fine points-eyes and teeth. The eyes were prominent and often of great beauty and brilliancy, and a dentist of wide experience knew of no teeth equal to the Tasmanian's for strength, size and enamel. But the nose was bridgeless, the chin "ran off" and the upper jaw protruded.

#### Twisted Title.

When the baby became tired of her

"You don't want it, and still you ta't want me to have it," said Mar-His business went well. The penny jarie; "goodness, baby, you're just seemed to bring him good luck. In like the 'dog in the stall' I read about

### SHEEP ARE EXCELLENT WEED ERADICATORS



were 50 years ago. This is all the it would in large measure. more remarkable in view of the treculture.

able devourers of the same. There are acter by killing and dressing occabut few kinds of weeds that they sionally a mutton from his flock. will not trim down and consume and With a good place to keep such meat, early stage in the growth of the weather. But even in the absence of overabundant this cropping down of food during much of the year-that weeds will be more complete than is, during all portions of the same under other conditions. They will when the weather is cool enough to thistles when thus managed. They the meat may be grown to meet the are equally ravenous also for the needs of the farm from products that seeds of the weeds. When these have would otherwise be wasted. been formed and even when mature, Sheep ought to be kept because of voured by them, they are so finely fertility. No class of animals kept ground that they do not grow again upon the farm will equal them in the when dropped upon the ground. I favorable influences thus exerted. have watched sheep when first turned This arises first, from the readily into a grain pasture to see what was available condition in which the droptheir first choice. When such weeds pings reach the soil; second, from the as lambsquarter were present and scattered condition in which they quite young and succulent, they reach the land, and, third, from the would take these first in preference to general distribution of the dropping

waste products. On every farm these tility when they graze upon it than abound more or less. They abound it was when the grazing began. Thus not only in the form of weeds, but in it is that the proverb has arisen that the form of grasses of various kinds. the sheep has a golden hoof. And it is These are found numerously in the founded on the truth.

There are many reasons why farm- | grain fields after the grain has been ers should keep more sheep, writes reaped. They are found in the high-Prof. Thomas Shaw in The Home- ways, beside the farms, and they are stead. The relatively small number found along fence borders whatsoever that is kept on the average farm is may be the build of these. The sheep one of the remarkable things about that are given access to these will the live stock industry in the United virtually clean up everything and in States. The totals of this class of good form. The food thus eaten stock are not much more than they would otherwise be wasted, at least

They should be kept to supply meat mendous expansion that has been go- for the household. The farmer is ing on in almost every line of agri- much prope to confine his meat diet to salt pork, and largely for the rea-Sheep should be kept on the average son that in this form meat is most farm to aid in keeping down weed easily kept. Where sheep are kept When weeds are young and upon the farm the farmer may have sappy the sheep are in a sense insati- fresh meat and of a delicious charturn into good mutton if they have as an apartment in an ice house, he access to the same at a comparatively may enjoy such meat in warm weeds. When other pasture is not such a place he may partake of such even keep down, at least in a considenable him to keep such meat in a erable degree, the growth of Canada good condition. In this way much of

over the land. In this way sheep They should be kept to consume the leave the land richer in available fer-

### INJURY DONE IN REMOVING WEEDS

Most Beneficial Method Is to Some Songsters Depend Almost Burn Them Where They Are and Scatter Ashes.

The usual thing is when the weeds better than when the maxim was have been loosened to remove them

One reads of the thrifty French gardeners removing so many inches out. There is an agreement to that effect. The soil that they have imis a "tenant's fixture," so to speak,

and they take it with them. What goes on in too many of our gardens is just the reverse. Instead of going away and bringing the soil with us-that is the wealth of our gardens -we stay and the soil goes, thrown out on the rubbish heap to form part rest of the establishment.

These things should not be so. the Utopia of well-managed farms and gardens, of which we now and then have an inkling, there will be no rubbish at all, for what is rubbish? Burning is wasteful when it is weeds not yet gone to seed that are consumed. It is another matter in dealing with such things an old stumps, roots and bad weeds that preserve their vitality over the winter. For them there must be the cleansing fires. But why make them away to a rubbish heap? Why not rather burn them where they lie, at This plan acts beneficially in more ways than one. It saves two cartings and it is always easier to do a job of this sort at once. Beside, rubbish. even if left for but a few weeks, will be found to have afforded free quarters to an appalling, if interesting ex-

have in my mind's eye, the practice | keted. is in full swing. All ashes and conditions of things find their way, not alone from the garden, but from the dwelling, to a hollow just out of sight "pegged out" any amount of extraordinary things-broken pottery, papers, sardine tins, tin meat cans, probably falfa hay. in their virgin state, and old hats, and there they lie until someone finds time to set fire to the heap, a blot of unsightliness amid so much natural

#### Hog Sheds.

Hog sheds need not be expensive.

Best Farmer.

If one farmer raises 40 bushels of corn per acre and another raises 80, what chance has the 40-bushel farmer to grow a heifer to two years is \$66. of competing with the 80-bushel farm- while in Michigan to grow steers to er? It is barely possible that the 80- one year of age and to a weight of bushel farmer is the 40-acre farmer. 800 pounds costs \$27.50.

# BIRDS EXCEL AS **WEED DESTROYERS**

**Exclusively on Weed Seeds** -Crow Kills Mice.

Weeds, as well as insects, are enemies of the farmer. Most weeds are short-lived and depend for their continuance on a prolific seed production. There is a class of birds that, in maturity, feeds almost exclusively on weed seeds, among which the grosbeaks, goldfinches, native sparrows, quail and doves are the more important. Probably the greediest seedeating birds, according to Mr. Pratt. are the native American tree sparrow and the chipping sparrow. Their cousins, the English sparrows, however, can by no means be included in the list.

Rats, mice and snakes are the prey of a numerous class of birds, many of which are often hunted and branded as great destroyers of property. If it were not for owls and hawks the country would be overrun with rodents, according to Mr. Pratt. The crow has his place for good as a destroyer of field mice and the farm owl is the night watchman who hunts gophers, mice and snakes.

Not all hawks are useful. Those that circle around in the sky and swoop down with stealthy movement on their prey are great boons, but the darter, those that take their prey on the wing, are ruthless destroyers.

Early Spring Pigs.

After being weaned, early spring pigs may be run on alfalfa, rape. clover or grain pastures with a suponce and scatter the ashes there, plemental feed of grain until some crop is ready to hog off. During the summer, mature crops of barley. wheat and peas, with alfalfa or rape pasture, will carry them until the main crops are harvested.

They then glean the stubble fields and feed on standing corn in the tent, to slugs and other garden pests. field, roots, pumpkins, etc., until late These rubbish heaps! What trou- in the fall. They may be sold directblesome, unlovely things they are. ly from the cornfield or may be fed At a certain old homestead that I for a few weeks before being mar-

Feed for Dairy Cows. Dairy farmers are seeking a more economical and dependable source of The last pure blooded Tasmanian of the house and garden. Here are feed for their cows, and gradually experience is directing them to a more liberal production of silage and af-

> Plant in Spring. Peaches, plums, cherries and al! stone fruits are to be planted in spring.

A feeding pen for little chicks should but they should be dry, tight enought be centrally located where the chicks to exclude rains and snows, and also can be run to it at any time, and capable of being well ventilated in the older birds can not get at it. As summer when the weather is hot and soon as a hen calls her chicks to get a choice morsel, every hen in hearing runs to rob them of it.

Cost of Heifer.

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At the Army Maneuvers. Medical Officer-What did you do

first of all? Ambulance Man-Gave 'im some brandy, sir.

Medical Officer-Quite right; but what would you have done if you hadn't any brandy? Ambulance Man (promptly)-Promised 'im some .- Punch.

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